Trade Fair Authority of India

1080. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is total number of General Managers working in the Trade Fair Auhority of India;

(b) whether there are any recruitment rules for filling up of these posts;

(c) whether the said rules were applied while making the above appointments; and

(d) what is the pay scale for the said posts and the total emoluments of each of the present incumbents?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Two General Managers are at present working in the Trade Fair Authority of India. In addition one consultant designated as General Manager is also working in the Authority with specific responsibility for training and protocol.

(b) and (c) The recruitment rules exist for the posts of General Manager and these have been applied while making appointments. For the post of Consultant no Recruitment Rules have been framed, as it is not a post on the regular strength of the Auhority.

(d) The pay scale of the post of General Manager in the Authority is Rs. 2000-125|2-2250. The total emoluments of each of the present incumbents are as follows:—

1. General Manager (Incharge of Administration. publicity, Culture and Fairs abroad) Rs. 4.297 P.M

2. General Manager (incharge of construction and fairs in India) Rs. 3,475 p.m.

3. Consultant designated as General Manager Rs. 4,500 p.m.

Export and Import of cotton

1081. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Government's policy regarding export and import of cotton;

(b) how much cotton was exported during the last one year and at what prices? and

(c) how much cotton has been imported during the last two years and at what price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The cotton supply and demand situation and the price trends are reviewed by Government from time to time and the decision regarding import and export is taken accordingly.

(b) A quantity of 2.95 lakh bales of long and extra-long staple cotton was released by Government for export during 1984-85 cotton season. Out of this quantity, contracts for about 1.86 lakh bales were registered for export upto the end of August, 1985. The price realisation for such export ranged between 63 to 142 cents per pound for different varieties.

(c) There was no import of cotton during the 1983-84 cotton season. However, a quantity of 75,000 bales had been imported during 1984-85 cotton season. The price paid for the imported cotton was 41.90 US Cents per pound F.O.B.

Bank loans for fishermen in Kakatapur in Orissa

1082: SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that distressed fishermen in Kakatapur in Orissa has resorted to hunger strike as no bank loans were provided to them even though matching subsidies were given by the District Rural Development Agency; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in the matter

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Rupee-dollar exchange rate

1083. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the dates on which the rupee-dollar exchange rate were changed and their exchange value during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): The rates for purchase of dollars from banks authorised to deal in foreign exchange are fixed daily by the Reserve Bank of Inda on the basis of prevailing exchange rate for dollar in terms of pound sterling in the international markets and the Bank's spot buying rate for pound sterling. These vary practically everyday. Reserve Bank of India's buying rates for US dollar as on the last working day of each half year during the last 3 years and as on 20-11-85 are given below:—

Date	RBI's buying Rate US Dollar Rs.
30-12-1982	9·6339
29-6-1983	10·0705
30-12-1983	10·4932
29-6-1984	11 1857
28-12-1984	12 3609
28-6-1985	12·3916
20-11-1985	12·0627

Loans advanced to M5s. ESAL (Commodities) Ltd. London

1084. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Uns arred Question 340 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1985 and state:

(a) whether collusion of the terminated officers with M/s. ESAL (Commodities) Ltd. London has been investigated; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of Investigation has reported that its investigations have revealed collussion on the part of a former General Manager of Punjab National Bank with the borrower. It has since filed a charge-sheet against the former official of the bank and Shri Rajinder Singh Sethia in the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi. and the trial is in progress.

As regards other fraudulent transactions, the C.B.I. has reported that it is undertaking the investigations.

Import of Sugar

1085. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of sugar imported during the last six months;

(b) what are the names of the countries from which it was imported and at what rate; and

(c) what are the shipment charges that were incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The quantity of sugar imported during the last six months (May—October 1985) is 11.67 lakh MT.

(b) The purchases are generally made from established international sugar traders who have the option to supply sugar from any country except those prohibited by the Govern-